By Lieut. J. HARVEY DOUGLAS

A True and Thrilling Tale of the Experiences of a Wounds Canadian Officer Who Fell Into the Hands of the Enemy

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Men who had received cruel-treatent at the hands of the enemy thoroughly appreciated the comfort in which they were living in Switzerland, but still they longed to see Blighty once again. This will perhaps explain some of the sentiments expressed in the following article, quoted from an August number of the B. I. M.: "Interned prisoners of war are a species of animals usually found in a

neutral country. The word 'interned' comes from the Latin 'ino,' meaning 'tod,' and 'ternus,' meaning 'up.' They are used in the winter for moving large quantities of snow from one place to another, and in the summer for forms, with rowks and ing the same thing with rocks and

They are amusing creatures to watch. They live in large communi-ties like the bees. These communities or establishments, as they are scien-tifically called, are presided over by what is known as a chief of establishwhat is known as a chief of establish-nient, something similar to the "queen bee." Unlike the latter, the chief of establishment does not lay the eggs which produce the other prisoners of war. These are hatched out in the mud of France and elsewhere, usually in a hollow of the ground called a shell hole.

Play in the Rain.

The chief vices of the interned prisoner of war are playing football, cricket, hockey, etc. They are so de-prayed that at times they will indulge in these vices in the pouring rain. The only way they can be tempted to desist is by the offer of a meal. They spend

their spare time in having operations and attempting to get leave.

"There are different species of interned prisoners of war. There are the Scotch, English, Irish, Australian and Canadian. The latter have not red

skins, as some people suppose.

"There is also another species called officers, who spend most of their time seeing that the others are wearing their own boots and dont take a bath

before it is necessary.

"The interned prisoners of war are semetimes soldlers. They arrange themselves in long rows to present a formidable appearance on certain feast days. They are very religious and be-Here that some day they will go to a country where they have homes, friends and relations."

We soon learned that the rumor that a certain number of Englishmen were to be repatriated had been con-firmed. At a conference held at The Hague, an agreement had been reached between the British and German gov-ernments for the exchange of interped prisoners in Switzerland on virtually the same terms as had been arranged for the exchange of French and Ger-man prisoners. We were told that at man prisoners. the conference the Dutch were always seated at the table first, then from a door at one side came in the Germans, and from a door on the other side the English. No intercourse, save on business, took place. At the closing meet-ing the chief of the Germans got up and said they could not so without thanking England warmly for the way their prisoners had been treated, and admitted that no other country had done the like. Our people bowed back acknowledgment and thanks, but could

not return the compliment. This agreement applied to the fol-lowing classes of interned men, the general principle followed being that the sick and wounded whose re-





Life went on in Murren as elsewhere. The photographs show an international christening attended by "enemies of war" in neutral surroundings and a camp wedding. Note the large sleigh in the latter picture, upon which the bridal couple was drawn from the church.

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establishment to health was not likely to take place within one year, and whose vitality had diminished by about

50 per cent, would be repatriated: First. All those who had lost one limb, at least a hand or a foot. Second. All suffering from a grave infirmity, which was not likely to disappear within one year, with or without operative treatment; for instance, complete or partial ankylosis or paralysis diminishing by about three-quarters the use of a shoulder, elbow, wrist, leg, knee or foot.

Third, Mutilation of the face, mouth wounds head wounds consists and the

wounds, head wounds, causing epilep-

Fourth. Cases of wounds to the vertebral column, throat, abdomen, etc. Fifth. Tuberculosis, where a cure in Switzerland was not likely to be use-

Sixth. Diseases affecting respiraheart, digestion, grave neu-

Blindness.

Deafness of certain degree Mental cases. Malarial cases (serious) Tenth. Eleventh. Diabetes, Twelfth, Tuberculosis (cured). Thirteenth. Loss of an eye, if other we were also affected.

The two governments agreed not to

allow men thus exchanged to fight or work on the lines of communication. Intense Excitement.

The doctors in charge of Murren carried out a thorough examination of overy man and selected a certain number as eligible to appear before he final commission which was com

excitement was intense when on August 18, the commission comnenced work in Murren. The officers were examined first. One by one they went into an upstairs room in the palace Hotel, while their wives and parace riotei, while their wives and sisters sat breathlessly on the stairs awaiting their exft and the fateful news. There were not many disap-pointments. It was very hard for of-ficers to get out of Germany, and they were all in a more or less serious condition. Five only, out of twenty, were compelled, to resign themselves

to remain in Switzerland. The rest of us dashed to the post office and cabled home the glad tidings. We heard that only 400 Germans had been passed for repatriation on ac-count of the fact that they knew when they were well off, and refused to pre-sent themselves to the commission. Altogether, 860 of the British interned

prisoners had been accepted.

Before leaving for home the German officers had a banquet—probably their last for some time to come—at which they drank a large quantity of the best wine obtainable. We were told on good authority that instead of being joylal this affair was one of

he gloomiest ever held in Berne. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of September 8 the first load of happy and excited men descended the funiculaire and thus completed the first stage of heir voyage home,

The first number of the B. I. M. which appeared after our departure ontained the following: EXODUS

'Now it came to pass on the 25th day of the eighth month of the third year of the war against William Emperor of Germany, there came unto Murren certain physicians who spoke, saying let every one of you that is diseased, or has lost of his value as a man of war more than the half, return ye, all, every man unto his own home. "And all the people shouted, and

said, "Great is the commission of doc-"For every man said in his heart,

A great demonstration of returned oldiers was held in the Town hall at

Melbourne on Monday. A resolution was carried pledging the meeting ac-ticely to support the government's re-

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"Now when the physicians had gone from them but a few hours, then began those who were among the chosen to murmur, saying, Why go we not

Those who paid an income tax in the previous year will receive their blank direct from the Hartford interhenceforth, wherefore have we been beguiled with promises?
"But those set in authority over them went among the people speaking good words unto them, saying, Wherefore murmur ye? Surely in a little while they will let you go. Albeit they bear authing. nal revenue headquarters.

inew nothing.

"Now after ten days came messages, saying, Surely on the day before the Sabbath shall ye go out.

"And all the people shouted and said, Great is the commission of the dectors."

Then Neish, chief of the mights men of valor, calling together his capains and his lieutenants, commanded them, saying, Thus and thus shall ye any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth so long as the trains remain, standing still in the station. For lot

is it not written in the book of King's Regulations? "On the eighth day of the ninth month of the third year of the war against William, Emperor of Germany, that reigned in Potsdam, departed the colldren of Neish, even 182 men, with their women and their children and their dogs, a very great multitude.

"Moreover, there was much joy amongst those that departed and the made merry, saying, Behold, Murrer

"And the people answered them and said, Go to. Get you down quickly, lest the commission harden their hearts, and it repenteth them that they

have let you go.
"And the people departed by companies, every man according to hi and the people departed by com-panies, every man according to his hotel to every hotel an officer or two according to the commandment of Neish, chief of the mighty men of

"And it came to pass, while the train was yet in the station, that a certain fellow of the tribes of Canada, with a loud voice, for about the space of ten minutes cried out, and said, Well, well, well, well, well, "And the people of that country were astonished, saying: Surely this

man hath a devil.

"Now the rest of the acts of the children of Neish, and all that they did, shall they not be written in the chron-

(Concluded Tomorrow.)

MANY CALLERS AT INCOME TAX OFFICE Forms Have Not Yet Arrived But Are

Expected Soon.

There have been numerous callers at the government income tax office in the city hall the past week. Al-though the necessary forms have not yet been received it is expected that they will arrive soon.

Attention is called to the require-ments that all married individuals and heads of families whose net income was \$2,000 or more the past year must

was \$2,000 or more the past year must file returns. All single persons whose net income was \$1,000 or more the past year are also obliged by law to file them. These returns must be filed on or before March 1, 1918.

The local office is located in the mayor's office at the city hall and will be oned delit from \$1.05 until March. mayor's office at the city half and will be open daily from 9 to 6 until March I. Income Tax Inspector Barnes, who is in charge, will be glad to answer all questions relating to the income tax. All corporations, partnerships, fi-duclaries and individuals who have

made payments of \$800 or more the past year in the form of salaries, wages, rent, interest, etc., are required to file a list of such individuals on or before March 1.

Matters relating to the excess profits tax should be taken up direct with the collector of internal revenue, Hartford, Conn., from whom all blanks and information must be secured. Some misunderstanding see Some misunderstanding seems to have arisen as to the effect of the recent decision of the supreme cour relative to stock dividends. The treas

shall be covered with snow, and the land shall be white with the flakes thereof, but what is that to us. Look continue to stock dividends. The treasure that the present income tax law is not affected by the decision and that indiciduals must be to stock dividends. continue-to report stock dividends as

STATEMENT DEFINING

DEALERS IN SECURITIES Concerns Whose Principal Business Buying and Selling.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Individuals who buy and sell securities for invest-ment of speculation will not be considered "dealers in securities" under the internal revenue bureau's recent ruling on the optional plan for report

ing inventories.

"A dealer in securities," says a treasury statement tonight, authorizing officially the new plan for requiring inventories, "in order to come within the meaning of treasury decision 2600 must be a merchant of securities, whether an individual, partnership or corporation, with an established place of business, whose principal business is the purchase of securities and their re-

GET NEW KIDNEYS!

The kidneys are the most overworked organs of the human body, and when they fail in their work of filtering out and throwing off the poisons developed in the system, things begin to happen. One of the first warnings is pain or atlifices in the lower part of the back; highly colored urine; loss of appetite; indigestion; irritation, or even stone in the bladder. These sysptoms indicate a condition that may lead to that dreaded and fatal malady. Bright's disease, for which there is said to be no cure.

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sale to customers. Taxpayers who buy and sell for investment or speculation and (in their individual capacity) officers of corporations or members of partnerships which deal in securities are not dealers."

ANOTHER HEAVY GALE SWEEPING TOWARD CHICAGO.

Furnaces and Packing Plants Closed for Lack of Coal.

Chicago, Jan. 14 .- Chicago, just recovering from the most severe blizzard in fifty years, tonight was in the grip of a coal famine that closed down blast furnaces in South Chicago, shut up the world's two greatest packing plants and threatened another tleup of the

railways.

Meanwhile the weather forecaster ismust sued a warning that another heavy ads as gale is sweeping toward the city, leaving in its wake snow-covered states throughout the southwest.

The new storm, which is expected to reach Chicago in the next twenty-four hours, was central today over eastern Texas, and was moving northeastware with increased intensity, bringing with it a heavy fall of snow to the greater portions of Illinois and Missouri.



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Value 35c SALE PRICE 25c Value 40c SALE PRICE 33c An odd lot of Turkish Towels. Part initialed and part plain, values from 60c to 75c each-SALE PRICE 42c Cotton Huck Towels

Value 16c SALE PRICE 121/20 Value 20c SALE PRICE 17c Value 25c SALE PRICE 20c Value 33c SALE PRICE 25c Hemmed Birdseye Diapers, 12 in package-Value \$1.75, 18 by 36-SALE PRICE \$1.20

Value \$2.00, 20 by 40-SALE PRICE \$1.30 Value \$2.25, 22 by 44-SALE PRICE \$1.40 121/sc Mercerized Napkins-SALE PRICE 9c

Hosiery and Underwear Misses' Mercerized Hose, in black

or tan. Fine ribbed hose selling regularly from 35c to 45c a pair— SALE PRICES 30c, 35c and 40c 50c Infants' Cashmere Hose, in

black, white and tan-SALE PRICE 39c

Seamless Cotton Hose, in a light weight. All sizes in black and white... Value 19c, SALE PRICE 13c Medium Weight Seamless Cotton SALE PRICE 170-3 for 50c

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ADDITION FOR MARLIN-ROCKWELL OFFICE

Will Erect Hollow Tile Addition at Rear of Present Office Building-Main Street House to be Repaired and Rented as Stores-Other Building Progress Noted.

Because of the need of more office space, the Marlin-Rockwell company fast nearing completion. The brickwill build an addition to their present office building on Franklin street. The addition is to be of hollow tile and will be 15x17 and one story high. The will be 15x17 and one story high. The structure will be built on to the year structure will be built on to the rear of the offices and will be placed on the stone foundation already set. The application for the building has been filed with Fire Marshal Howard L.

To Remodel Main Street Building. The owner of the building on Frank-lin square which was recently gutted by fire is contemplating tearing down the wooden part of the structure to the first story, which is of brick. If permission can be obtained, it is the intention of the owner to put a roof on the first story and use the building for stores. The city ordinance says that any wooden building within the fire district which has been destroyed to over half its value cannot be rebuilt of wood, but must be constructed of some figurer of material.

Bridge Work Resumed. Work on the bridge at Taftville has

been resumed after the breaking up of the extreme cold weather and is pro-gressing rapidly. The coment piers Repaired Burned Building. The office building of the Max Gordon corporation on Italia avenue, which was gutted by fire a short time ago.

new chimney has been erected and other improvements have been made. Labor Scarce. With the abatement of the extreme cold weather contractors have been

week, but there yet remains the prob-lem of labor which confronts them. All structed of some fireproof material. It is for this reason that the building and present will not be reconstructed. are complaining that skilled labor is scarce and that unskilled labor de-Office Building. Office Building. scarce and that u

BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Petitions in bankruptcy last week numbered seven, with assets of \$49,879

\$34.650, filed in Connecticut in the cor-

of 15, for new construction work to cost \$253,610. The record is a poo Decrease in Bank Clearing - New one and there are not many large Building Projects Scare. jects talked of to swell the total in the week to come. A year ago, in the same cities 87 permits were issued for new construction work costing, \$208,-485. The clearings of the Hartford banks for the past week show a decrease of 42,7 per cent, when compared with the

same week of last year, while those of the New Haven banks for the same ing in the record of new contracts jeriod show a decrease of 21.6 per awarded and of new projects for which plans are being drawn or estimates received. Contracts let include two Sales of real estate, as shown by received. Contracts let include two the number of warranty deeds filed large storage buildings in Bridgeport last week in the various cities of the

state reported in The Commercial Record, numbered 174, as against 392 in
the corresponding week of last year.
Mortgage loans for the week totaled
\$2,020,265, comparing with \$1,798,452 a
year ago.

The record of new companies formed
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the state of real estate

Waterbury, and
New projects run almost entirely
to small frame houses, of which
there are a few in all parts of the
state. Other new work includes addition to church in Bridgeport, school
house in Milford and bank building in
Springfield. last week makes a better showing than for some time, 14 new companies, with total authorized capital stock of \$451,000, having been formed in this state. A year ago the 18 new companies had suthorized capital stock of \$470,000.

Norwich had no sales of real estate last week to none for the same week last year. There were no mortgage bonds last week whereas the amount last year was \$5,230.

In New London there were two colors and the last week whereas the amount last year was \$5,230. and liabilities of \$68,816 comparing with five petitions, having total assets of \$15,049 and total libilities of sales of realty last week but none a year ago. The mortgage loans for the respective weeks were \$1,600 and \$,-200.

GROTON.

Building permits have been issued in the past week in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Water-bury and New Britain to the number The six houses which Marquardt Bros are building in Groton for the

New London Ship and Engine Co., are being plastered. The contract for the plainbing and steam heating has been Contracts to Jan. 9, 1907. 2,150,000
Contracts to Jan. 9, 1906. 2,136,000
Contracts to Jan. 9, 1905. 811,000
Contracts to Jan. 9, 1904. 1,756,000
Contracts to Jan. 9, 1903. 3,334,000
Contracts to Jan. 9, 1902. 2,748,000
Contracts to Jan. 9, 1901. 2,120,000

NEW LONDON. Plans For Fine Residence.

Architects are preparing plans for residence which will be erected next summer in the Pequot section of New London. The owner requests that his name be withheld for the that the first floor will be on grade on the west side, and the ground or basement floor, on the east level of ground. The exterior will be grade on the west side, of granite from grade to first floo and stucco on hollow tile above, with shingle tile roob, 46x80 feet in di-mensions. The ground floor will contain a garage, with chauffeur's quarters adjoining, tiled veranda, an entrunce hall, den and billiard room, 19x 32 feet, with toilet adjoining, laundry storeroom, boiler and coal rooms. The have been built up above the surface of the water. The Connecticut Engineering company has the contract. entrance on grade, will contain a re-ception room, main stair hall, living room, 19x34 feet, a tiled veranda, 12x78 feet, iibrary 19 feet, square; a small card room, dining room, 20x30 has been repaired. New timbers have been put in and the roof shingled. A feet, with breakfast porch, and a con-servatory adjoining, coat rooms, toilets and service stair, servants' dining room, kitchen, butler's pantry, store
pantry and service porch. The second floor is divided into four master's
bed rooms, with three baths, dressing
rooms, closets, a morning room, main stair hall, trunk room, three servants

rooms with bath, linen closets, clothes Will Build New Laundry. E. W. Smith is having plans and specifications made for a new laundry building to be erected in East New

BUILDING OPERATIONS

IN NEW ENGLAND Statistics of building and engineer-ing operations in New England as compiled by The F. W. Dodge Com-

any follow: ontracts to Jan. 9, 1918...\$2,969,000 Contracts to Jan. 9, 1917.... 4,053,000 Contracts to Jan. 9, 1916.... 4,729,000 ontracts to Jan. 9, 1915... ontracts to Jan. 9, 1914... 5,641.000 Contracts to Jan. 9, 1913. 2,458,000 Contracts to Jan. 9, 1912. 2,507,900 Contracts to Jan. 9, 1912. 1,944,000 Contracts to Jan. 9, 1910. 3,874,000 Contracts to Jan. 9, 1909. 3,656,000

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